

ALL EARS

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The official bulletin of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society – N6WB December 2012

December's meeting details

By the time you are reading this – the EARS Christmas party will have been and gone...

It's time to start thinking about what sort of activities you would like to see for 2013.

If you have any ideas – please contact our VP-elect with details.

EARS Event Calendar - 2012

- Dec 08 Christmas Party, 4:00 p.m.
- Dec 13 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 15 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- Dec 29 [VE Testing](#)

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Welcome to December's ALL EARS

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



Hi everyone,

Welcome to December's ALL EARS.

Sadly, there was nothing much received to publish this month except for the President's final message... Thanks Rob!

All that's left for me to say is Merry Christmas everyone.



Until next month - 73,
Steve, W6TAN.

The Presidential Prose

By Robert Kitson, KI6SBL



Well, this is my last ALL EARS article as club president.

Today, as I type this email - EARS needs a President for the 2013 term.

You may remember Fred was going to be 2013 President, but personal circumstances have waylaid his plans and we wish him all the best in the months to come.

Fred, what I said at the November meeting still holds true today, "you know my number if there is anything I can do to help." I would like to add to that by saying, EARS is here to help - please just ask and we will do all we can to make your road smoother.

I cannot stay on as club president. While I am unemployed (and if time permits - when I am employed) I will be working at a homeless shelter during the hours EARS usually meets and I will be taking on a vice president role in my Toastmasters club.

EARS needs a president who will be at the meetings and board meetings.

I will miss most of the meetings from January through the end of March and that is not what a good EARS president does.

Before the January meeting we will need a volunteer to step up and become the 2013 EARS President.

If you delegate properly as EARS President, the only time requirement is to be at each function. If you would like to volunteer for the post, please contact me at:

KI6SBL@earsclub.org
(760) 715-2876

On another note:

We need suggestions and help to find a January regular meeting presentation. If you're able to help us out on that, please contact me at:

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Speaking of presentations for 2013, please welcome to the slate for 2013, Matt Tucker, N6EAJ. He has agreed to take on the EARS Vice President position.

The board still needs to approve it, but I am certain it will be a unanimous decision to have him serve as our 2013 VP.

Thank you for stepping up Matt!

I would like thank all of the volunteers, committee chairs, board members, and officers who helped this past year.

If I tried to list everyone who helped out I would surely miss someone important, so I thank you all as a whole. We did accomplish many things.

That is all I have...

EARS is a great club and deserves leaders. Please look at your schedules for 2013 and see if you can help us out.

73,
Robert J. Kitson, KI6SBL
2012 EARS President

Current EARS Membership

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



This past month, there were no new members joining.

Therefore, the current EARS membership as of 11th of December, 2012 is:

- Life: 51
- Paid: 78
- Total: 129

EARS Officers for 2013

Information provided by Robert Kitson, KI6SBL

By now you should know that the proposed slate of club officers was voted in at November's general meeting.

Unfortunately, due to a change in his personal circumstances, Fred McDavitt, W6PBR has had to withdraw from the President's position.

Some good news is that Matt Tucker has agreed to volunteer his services for the role of Vice President.

EARS Officers for 2013:



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Vacant



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As can be seen above, we currently have a vacancy for the President's position.

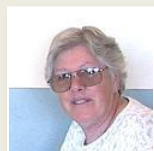
If you think you have what it takes to fulfill this vital role, please contact Robert Kitson, KI6SBL, or John Musselman, N6EP.

They are awaiting your call!

On a similar topic, beginning next year, EARS will also require two members who can represent the club at the monthly SANDARC meetings.

Again, please contact Robert Kitson for more details.

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EARS Elmer List

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



Here is the current list of those kind soles who have volunteered their Elmer services:

1. Harry Hodges, W6YOO

- *Award programs such as WAC, WAS, DXCC, VUCC, IOTA, etc. to include card checking.*

2. Dick Kalkofen, K6KAL

- *Software development and hardware interfacing.*
- *Radio to PC communications.*
- *Logging Software: WinTest, Writelog, DX4Win, N1MM, Ham Radio Deluxe and many others.*
- *Digital mode software, link FLdigi, MMTTY for PSK, RTTY, WISPR, JT65 etc.*
- *Kit building (WinKeyer USB, FA-SM CW/Voice Keyer, Idiom Press Voice Keyer.*
- *Antenna setup and tuning.*

3. Matt Tucker, N6EAJ

- *General electronics (analog), power supplies, audio, batteries.*
- *PSK31 and similar digital modes.*
- *Operating and setting up the computer/radio interfaces.*
- *Basic antennas (VHF for home or car), HF dipoles and multi-band doublets / antenna tuners.*

4. Mike Hightower, KF6SJ

- *HF and in particular, digital modes of PSK31 and JT65.*

5. John Musselman, N6EP

- *HF, electronics, contesting, "other"...*

6. Marvin Munster, W6MJM

- *Emergency Power Sources, Batteries, Solar, etc.*
- *DC Cables and Hook-Up*
- *Coax Cables and Connector Assembly*
- *DC Power Distribution*

Yuma Hamfest

Information provided by Marvin Munster, W6MJM



This is just a reminder that the 2013 ARRL Arizona State Convention will be held early in the year, in conjunction with the Yuma Hamfest on February 15-16, 2013 in Yuma, Arizona.

For those not familiar with the Yuma Hamfest, it is one of the largest hamfests held in the ARRL's SW Division, and

now in our ninth year, is the only multi-day convention-style Hamfest held in Arizona.

We feature vendors, tailgating, RV camping on site, seminars held in parallel tracks in two separate buildings, amateur license testing, DXCC card checking, the famous Buzzard BBQ dinner, an antenna clinic and transmitter hunt, a huge grand prize drawing, hourly door prizes, a hospitality area, the "Country Store" consignment sales area, and much more.

Our use of a fairgrounds venue allows us to control costs for both vendors and attendees. We feature \$5 admission, \$50 vendor spaces, and a \$10 catered dinner.

We anticipate similar marketing and attendance for 2013. Please check our website at www.yumahamfest.org for more information.

We have several new options for those staying in a motel, so check out that page on the website.

You can contact me by email at info@yumahamfest.org or by phone at 928-305-1034 if you have any questions.

If you have a seminar that you would like to present, please contact us about that as well.

Roger Hunt (K7MEX)
Director, Yuma Hamfest
2013 Arizona State Convention

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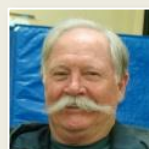
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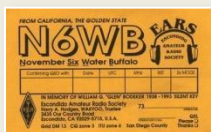


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Note: The deadline to submit material for the bulletin is by the 1st Thursday of the month.

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General Information cont'd

SUNDAY EVENING NET

EARS Sunday evening net is every Sunday at 8 p.m. local time. You can get the latest information on club activities there.

Just tune in to the club's 2m repeater at 146.88 MHz, negative offset and PL of 107.2, check in and say "Hi!".

SECTION NEWS

The latest happenings around San Diego are available at the official website of the ARRL San Diego Section:

<http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/san-diego>

EARS PINS

EARS 2010 Board had EARS lapel pins made. They are yellow 1" circles with the EARS Logo in the middle.

They are only \$5.00 each, so get yours today by contacting: Robert Kitson; ki6sbl@earsclub.org

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS

To renew your license or supply the FCC with a change of address, use NCVEC Form 605 (obtainable from Harry, W6YOO).

Attach a photocopy of your license and mail to:

SANDARC VEC,
5511 Maryland Drive,
La Mesa,
CA 91942-1519.

Note: You **MUST** include your FRN Number.

There is no charge for this service.

HAM RADIO LICENSE PLATES

All California hams may receive their call sign on their license plate.

Use DMV Form REG17A. The cost is \$21.00 and is a one-time fee.

VE TESTING

A SANDARC Volunteer Examiner team administers license examinations on the last Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at:

The LDS Church,
1917 East Washington Avenue,
Escondido,
CA 92025.

Contact Harry, W6YOO, at (760) 743-4212 or w6yoo@amsat.org to schedule an appointment.

SANDARC

"EARS" is a member of the San Diego Amateur Radio Council, an association of San Diego area Amateur Radio clubs.

Among other things, SANDARC runs the local Volunteer Examiner program (SANDARC-VEC), and manages the ARRL southwestern Division Convention when held in San Diego every fourth year. See www.sandarc.net

CLUB REPEATERS

"EARS" operates three repeaters in the Escondido area.

- 146.88 MHz, minus offset, PL 107.2
- 224.14 MHz (AE6GM repeater), minus offset, PL 156.7
- 449.24 MHz, minus offset, PL 127.3

The 2m and 70cm repeaters are local in nature and primarily serve the immediate Escondido area.

ECHOLINK

The 2m repeater is tied to the EchoLink system as node 2846.

See the Club website, www.earsclub.org for information on EchoLink.

There is also a listing of local EchoLink codes in the members section of the website.

General Information cont'd

EARS WEB PAGE

"EARS" is on the Internet!

You can read about upcoming activities, get links to other ham radio sites, read back issues of All Ears, or update your call or address.

The site is updated regularly. Check it out at

www.earsclub.org

EARS REFLECTOR

These are free services that keep members up-to-date via e-mail.

To subscribe to either one of the reflectors, go to the EARS website and click on the Yahoo or Google Group links at the bottom of the main page.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR CALLSIGN

Please let us know if you change your address, call-sign, telephone, license class, e-mail, etc.

We want to keep our records up to date, so please contact any club officer with the updated information.

CLUB BADGES

Let everyone know that you are a member of EARS, and avoid having them guess what your name is.

Get your Club Badge from:

Glaser Bailey,
2015 S. Escondido Blvd,
Escondido,
CA 92027
(760) 743-5551

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

EARS members meet socially the third Saturday of each month at 08:30, at:

Due to the fire at Spires, until further notice, EARS breakfast will be at the old venue:

Westside Cafe,
9th and Redwood.

ARRL LETTER

The ARRL Letter, a weekly e-mailing of Amateur Radio related news, is available to ARRL members free of charge directly from ARRL HQ.

To subscribe for e-mail delivery, ARRL members first must register on the Members Only Website, www.arrl.org/members.

The ARRL Letter is also available to all, free of charge, at www.arrl.org/arrlletter where it is posted each Friday after it is distributed via e-mail.

EARS HATS, SHIRTS AND JACKETS

Hats, shirts and jackets are available with the EARS logo.

Order them directly from:

Print World,
107 S. Andreasen Dr.,
Escondido,
CA. 92029
(760) 747-6443

Just let them know you are a member of EARS.

Emergency Services

MONTHLY ARES® MEETING

The San Diego section ARES® meets on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at:

Scripps Memorial Hospital,
Nobel Room,
Schaetzel Building,
9890 Genesee Ave,
La Jolla,
CA 92037.

Parking is available in the first lot to the right after the guard shack. The parking fee is \$4.00 and is antenna friendly.

If interested, go to www.sdgares.net or contact Steve Early, Section Manager, (619) 461-2818, or via e-mail at ad6vi@arrl.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICE NETS

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) San Diego

Sunday, 08:30 146.730 (-) 107.2

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Escondido

Tuesday, 19:00 146.880 (-) 107.2

Followed by 146.445 SIMPLEX, as directed

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) North County and Back Country

Wednesday, 19:00 147.030 (+) 103.5

Followed by 146.445 SIMPLEX, as directed (on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays)

Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) San Diego County

Monday, 7:30 PM 147.195 (+) 114.8

Escondido Amateur Radio Society

Membership Application and Renewal Form

*Call _____

*Last Name _____

*First Name _____

*Street Address _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

*Email _____

License Expires _____

EARS Family Members _____

License Class _____

First Licensed _____

Old Calls _____

Date of Birth _____

ARRL Member (Y/N) _____ Life Member (Y/N) _____

Amateur Related Interests _____

ARRL, RACES, ARES, SATERN, Red Flag, HF, VHF, UHF, Packet, EchoLink, D-Star, T-Hunt, ATV, Field - Day, Contests, Antenna Design, Equipment Building

Are you willing to run for a club office (Y/N)? _____

Note: Fields marked with a (*) are required.

A Telephone number is requested, but may be unlisted in the roster if you prefer.

Membership Rates:

One year \$15.00
 Family membership \$4.00
 Lifetime membership \$150.00
 Lifetime membership (family) \$38.00

Mail this form with payment to:

EARS,
 PO Box 3243,
 Escondido,
 CA 92033,

Or give it to the treasurer or any other club officer at a regular club meeting.

Checks please, it is safer than cash, and you have a record!

Membership is from January 1 to December 31.

After July 1, membership to the end of the year is ½ the annual fee.

Special rates apply for family membership for each additional licensed amateur radio operator in your immediate family and for lifetime membership.

For membership confirmation, include a self addressed stamped envelope with this form.